REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by KANG et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,370,133) and allows claims 1-26.

By way of this amendment, Applicant cancels claims 27-29 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-26 are pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-26 are allowable over the art of record.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by KANG et al. While not acquiescing in this rejection,

Applicant cancels claims 27-29 herewith, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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